



City of Hampton, VA

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NOTICE OF ACTION

City Council - Public Comment Period

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 - 6:31 PM

W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr.
Will Moffett
Chris Snead

Christopher G. Stuart
Donnie R. Tuck
George E. Wallace

Molly Joseph Ward, Mayor

Staff:

Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cynthia Hudson, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All members of Council were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Deerfield spoke on Chief Jordan's retirement, corruption, Council's appointment process, eminent domain, development in Buckroe, the Harbor Square sale, and call for several resignations.

Carole Garrison spoke on waterways issues and requested routine reports on waterways issues at City Council meetings.

Raynard Vinson thanked City staff for their assistance with his flooding issue, requested a change with respect to bulk trash collection and asked about possibly using vacant land for bee keeping.

Frank Ottofaro, Jr. spoke on eminent domain and possible environmental issues with the demolition of Harbor Square apartments.

Lisa Cumming spoke on the damage from Hurricane Sandy and asked if the City can improve storm-related outreach to the elderly.

John Krulis apologized for his former error concerning the lack of availability of the minutes and asked that the City Council begin listening to citizens.

Debra Frazier of the Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights thanked City Council for working toward a police review committee.

Kevin Watkins spoke on behalf of the Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights and in favor of promoting Major Ron Davis to Deputy Chief in the Hampton Police Division.

Bro. Ankh Unu-El of the Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights spoke on the cigarette sting operation.

Rudy Langford, President of the Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights indicated the Coalition is seeking the truth with respect to the cigarette sting. They are asking that Linda Curtis, Molly Ward, Mary Bunting, former Chief of Police Chuck Jordan, and Major Seals and Major Lattimore take polygraph tests. If they agree, they won't file their federal lawsuit.

Bob Nuckols spoke about handling inappropriate behavior and dissent by citizen speakers referencing the recent situation involving former delegate Tom Gear.

Teresa Schmidt spoke about moving Hampton forward and expressed she felt losing former Chief Charles Jordan was a huge step backward.

Jim Harris spoke on item #19 (Legisoft #12-0400) on the evening agenda proposing that mid-term Council members resign in order to run for Mayor. He requested that the item be deferred to give citizens more time to study it.

David Braunbeck expressed his concern over the treatment of former delegate Tom Gear. He asked that Council help him with his issue with transportation with Hampton Roads Transit.

Johnnie Carroll spoke on the tobacco sting and the recent treatment of former delegate Tom Gear at a Council meeting.

Edwin M. Boone stated he has been politically active for about four years now and asked other citizens to get involved on City issues. He asked when Mayor Ward first knew about the cigarette sting. He said citizens should get to speak five minutes instead of three and there should be two business meetings of City Council each month.

David Dietrich said he was offended by the Mayor's behavior at the Council meeting toward former delegate Tom Gear. He requested answers from the City Manager to his recent list of questions. He asked what has been done to keep Hampton safer than those cities further north which were hit by Hurricane Sandy. He expressed his opposition to the resolution requiring mid-term resignations of Council members who wish to run for Mayor. He also spoke on the cigarette sting and stated former Chief Jordan's resignation was the best thing to happen on the cigarette sting yet.

Dan Curran, publisher of the James River Journal, asked for compliance with a request made for text messages between the Mayor and former chief Jordan.

Hugh Bassette thinks former chief Jordan should not resign.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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